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Weekly Update | December 21, 2022

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A Message from Alicia

Winter has arrived. Today's Winter Solstice is a time when the sun is at its lowest point in the sky and the nights are at their longest. Winter solstice is the day the Northern Hemisphere is tilted farthest away from the sun resulting in the fewest daylight hours of any given day of the year. Daylight may be short, but the excitement packed into these last days of 2022 is anything but fleeting. Now is the time when we celebrate the school events that mark the season. December at South Shore Charter means days filled with winter art projects, decorated doors, student-led presentations, Winter Concerts, thrilling basketball, and the capstone event for students K-8, Craft Day.



Our school's traditions have come back to us in wonderful ways. Last Wednesday our school community celebrated the first of two Winter Concerts. Families and friends were treated to outstanding performances by the Level II Chorus, the Levels III and IV Chorus,

Beginning Strings, Concert Strings, the Instrumental Project, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and the High School Music Workshop. The significance of the moment was not lost on anyone. Being able to enjoy the concert together, in person and live, served as a reminder of how much we appreciate the little joys of the winter season. Listening to our students perform, whether it was *Jingle Bells* being plucked out by our beginning string students, or the extraordinary instrumental version of *Carol of the Bells* performed by the High School Music Workshop, reveals how music has found its way back to us.

Today we heard our youngest students K-2 perform. The excitement on Level I as students sang outshined the shortened daylight of today and reminds us that from this point on, the daylight will get longer. It is these brilliant moments that make the light last. We could not be more proud of all of our young musicians. Special thanks to our music teachers Theron Leonard and Paul Barrett for their steadfast work with our students day in and day out. It takes a special teacher to bring out the talents we have seen and heard this week.



As we navigate the last week of school for 2022, we can look back and be grateful for all we have accomplished together. Over the past few months, family volunteers have returned to our classrooms and hallways making each day better. Looking forward, I would like to thank all of the family and friends who have volunteered or donated a craft for Craft Day on Friday. Craft Day is an important South Shore Charter tradition made possible only through the generosity, time, and talent of our family volunteers. Each year family volunteers brimming with craft supplies and patience come into our K-6 classrooms to share a craft with students. Family volunteers are integral to the success of the morning. Our K-6 students have been looking forward to the day's festivities for weeks. We are thrilled to be able to bring Craft Day back for the second year in a row and could not

have done it without volunteer support.

We wish you and your family a very happy holiday season. Enjoy these last remaining days of December and the year 2022. Thank you for believing in South Shore Charter and for your continued support of our mission to inspire every student to excel in academics, service and life.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage

Executive Director



The Winter Wonderland Dance was held at the Canoe Club Ballroom in W. Bridgewater and the students danced all night. The setting was beautiful and the students snacked on hot and cold appetizers. The Royal Court was announced at 8:30 pm. The court included: Khai Francis, Devyn Bowden, Diane Lee, and Sam Santana. The Senior Royals were Mikayalah Pamphile and Shane Frederic, while the Royals for the Freshman/Sophomores were Gigi Dume and Karlvin Dorvil.

Special thanks to our donors: The Grier Family, the Pamphile Family, The Bulger Family, The Curran Family, Amanda Hawley, Mary Ellen Kelley, and Kelley, Stiffler Law. The Events Committee did a wonderful job planning, raising funds and selling tickets! Way to go!

Another special thanks to our faculty chaperones!



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Our Varsity Boys and Girls basketball teams played some great games this week! On Monday, both teams played home games against Boston Collegiate, resulting in a hard-fought 26-28 loss for our Varsity Girls team and an impressive 58-35 win for the Varsity Boys. Our JV Boys and Varsity Girls teams both won their games against Argosy on Tuesday as well: the Girls' score was 23-10 with top scorers being Captain **Sarah Paul** and **Grace Leighton**, and the Boys' score was 51-46 with top scorers being **Ckyson Webster**, **Takai Osgood**, and **Austin McRae**. Great job, Jaguars!



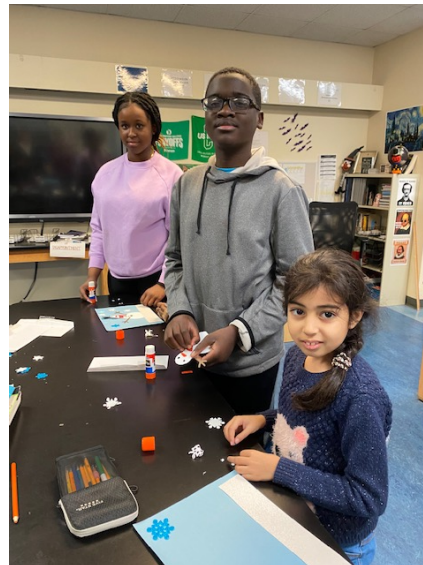
Photos by Yomaris Cruz (shared by @sscps_sports on Instagram)

#GoJaguars 🐾🐾

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

The Cricut Project

Last week the Cricut Project on Level IV hosted a winter craft for Cindy's 2nd grade class. Level IV students cut out parts of a snowman using their Cricut machines and helped the 2nd graders use them to design a winter picture.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SSCPS
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

**Does your child
have an IEP or 504?**

Join us!
Wednesday January
11th at 630 pm

You're not alone! Come
be a part of a community
that will help support
you and your child.

MassHire South Shore Information



Have you ever considered a career in **Carpentry, Culinary and Entrepreneurship, HVAC, or Manufacturing?**

Free Classes Start February 13th!

Monday -Thursday 4-8pm

SOUTH SHORE Technical Institute

476 Webster Street,
Hanover, MA 02339

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18+ years old
 - Must have HS Diploma or equivalent
 - Unemployed/ Underemployed
 - Be able to commit to completion of program hours
- Actively recruiting Veterans & Military Personnel

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Michael Santos, Upskilling Navigator
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Scan to apply!

Carpentry

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in Carpentry. Students will have opportunities to learn residential, commercial, and industrial construction. This training will give proper use of hand tools and equipment, framing, small projects on a work site and so much more.

- OSHA 10
- Certified Lead Carpenter Credential

Culinary and Entrepreneurship

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for the culinary arts industry with a dash of food truck entrepreneurship. The student will learn the art of culinary in a state of the art industrial kitchen and a new food trailer. This will allow the student to start with the essential skills needed for the culinary industry.

- OSHA 10
- Serve Safe
- Food Allergen Certified
- Food Truck Permitting

HVAC

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in HVAC. Learn to install and service HVAC and refrigeration systems. After completing this course students will be able to torch, braze, and solder pipes and fittings to install or repair compressors, condensers, chillers, and pumps in a wide range of environments.

- OSHA 10
- EPA - 608

Manufacturing

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in Manufacturing. The student will learn in a real machine shop environment that will provide essential skills to secure employment in one of the fastest growing industries in Massachusetts.

- OSHA 10
- MACWIC level -1



**Interested in working?
Need help getting started?**

MassHire South Shore Youth Services introduces

BOOST
Building Our Occupational Skills for Tomorrow







Participants receive:

- Individualized assessment & action plan
- Career readiness coaching
- Financial literacy workshop
- Nationally recognized industry credentials
- 80-hour paid internship

*Applicants must be 16-24 years old and meet eligibility requirements.

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FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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WEDNESDAY, DEC 21ST
6:30PM

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
VIA ZOOM

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

The Parents Association is working to ensure teachers can fill their classrooms with the items they need. To help support our teachers and their classrooms, please view the wishlists below.

Thank you!

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wishlist

help our teachers!

VIEW WISHLISTS

PA Meeting Schedule | 2022-2023 School Year

Below you will find the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 14, 2023 (Transition Meeting)

Be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Information on the Back to School Picnic will be coming soon as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Our website can be found [here](#).

Cindy Lyons
Parent Council Chair
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FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With the winter season upon us we wanted to send out some reminders from the Health office. We are seeing an increase in viral illness in our school community and would like to remind everyone of the policy about staying home when ill.

Please keep students home from school for the following:

- Fever greater than 100.0
- Vomiting/diarrhea in last 24 hours
- Not able to manage cough/nasal congestion
- Test positive for COVID

When can my student return to school

- Fever free for 24 hours without medication (if you give tylenol or motrin in the morning, please keep student home from school)
- No vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours
- Well enough to stay at school for the day

If your student becomes ill at school, please pick your student up within 45 minutes.
If it important to pick up your student

Home COVID tests were sent home with every student prior to Thanksgiving break.
Please do an at home COVID test if your student has cold like symptoms (sore throat, headache, cough, runny nose, or fever)

The school does not provide masks. If you would like your student to wear a mask at school, please send them to school with one on and extras

Kids are going out in all weather, please make sure your student has appropriate winter clothing. It is also important to have a change of clothes at school for days they get wet or need to change clothes for other reasons.

All students should be bringing a water bottle to school every day and can refill at the water refill station.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Please see the [attached letter](#) from the Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics about steps families can take to prevent illness and stay healthy this season.

You can also find the Spanish version [here](#). These letters will also be posted [online](#).



Massachusetts Chapter

INCORPORATED IN MASSACHUSETTS

American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN

November 1, 2022

Dear Families,

The Commonwealth, the Northeast and much of the US are seeing increases in respiratory illness in infants and children. Some of these infants and children are requiring hospitalization for support with breathing and hydration. Emergency departments and other acute care health facilities have been managing significant increases in the number of patients requiring care.

Most of these illnesses are caused by respiratory viral infections, including common seasonal viruses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), rhinovirus and enterovirus, and influenza. Infants and children may be particularly susceptible to seasonal respiratory viral infections during the 2022-2023 fall and winter because they have had limited previous exposure to these respiratory viruses. We anticipate that there could be more respiratory illnesses as RSV continues to spread and influenza season ramps up.

The Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics want to remind parents and families about steps to take to prevent illness and stay healthy this season:

1. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against influenza** as soon as possible.
2. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against COVID-19**; children 5 and older who had their primary series more than 2 months ago should receive an updated COVID-19 booster as soon as possible.
3. **Remember, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot at the same time.**
4. **If your infant has been offered treatment with protective antibodies** due to their prematurity or another condition, keep on schedule with their monthly treatments.
5. **Practice hand hygiene** frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue, or if a tissue is not available, cover them with an elbow, not a hand.
6. **Clean high touch surfaces** in your home frequently with household disinfectants.
7. **Keep children home from daycare or school** who have fever, especially with a cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, congestion, runny nose, or sore throat, until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medications that reduce fever.
8. **Avoid social gatherings if you or your children are ill.**

9. **Contact your pediatrician or healthcare provider if you believe your child needs medical care.** Your provider can offer advice on whether your child needs to be evaluated in person, tested for COVID or flu, and the best location (doctor's office, urgent care, emergency room) for care.

Thank you for doing all you can to keep you and your family healthy during this fall and winter season.



Dr. Estevan Garcia, Chief Medical Officer
Massachusetts Department of Public Health



Dr. Mary Beth Miotto, President
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

This Week | Up and Coming

Wednesday	12/21	Winter Concert for Grades K, 1, and 2 – SSCPS PE – 104 Longwater Drive	10:00-11:20am
Wednesday	12/21	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Friday	12/23	Craft Day for Grades K-6	
Friday	12/23	Early Release – Dismissal	12:00pm
Mon-Fri	12/26- 12/30	Vacation Week – No School	
Monday	01/02	New Year Observed – No School	
Tuesday	01/03	Classes Resume	8:15am

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

School Documents:

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

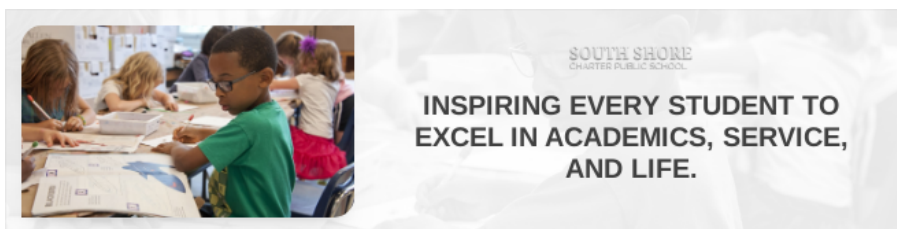
[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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